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In re Patent Application of:

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For: **Plant Genome Sequence and Uses Thereof**

**Response to Office Action mailed March 19, 2004**

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***Attn: Mail Stop Amendment***

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2004, (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

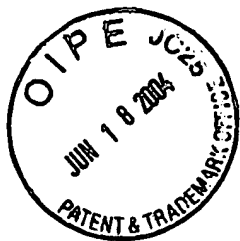
**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/702,134 filed October 31, 2000  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Response to Office Action mailed March 19, 2004; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.114. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures